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PANAMA POLITICS ARE VERY BITTER

Since the Minority Party Pulled Off Coup of Electing Presiding Officer of Assembly.

PANAMA, Sept. 23.—With American occupation a goblin before which all Panamanian politicians stand aghast, earnest efforts are being made to relieve the tension which developed recently in the national assembly, and which threatened to cause the intervention of the American authorities.

The trouble had its origin in a coup by which the minority party, of liberal-conservatives, managed to elect the presiding officer of the assembly in the absence of several delegates belonging to the government party.

When the assembly convened nineteen of the thirty-three deputies were of the government party, and fourteen of the opposition. For each deputy there is an alternate and the constitution provides that "in the absence of a deputy, whether accidental or permanent" his alternate may vote in his place. The alternates of three of the government deputies were in sympathy with the opposition. The coup consisted of keeping those three deputies away from the assembly and voting their alternates in their places. This was accomplished by getting two of them drunk and by having the attorney of another insist that it was necessary that they make out and record certain papers in the matter of

the title to an estate before the close of business that day—in which it became necessary to make a trip to the country to view the estate, with a series of delays which kept them out till night. During the absence of the three the balance of power in the assembly shifted to seventeen opposition to sixteen government votes, and the opposition was able to elect the presiding officer, who has great power in the conduct of legislation.

Declare Action Void.

When the majority of the assembly understood the coup they declared the procedure illegal and the result void. They based their charge on interpretation of the constitution to the effect that the alternate could not be accepted in the assembly room without written acknowledgment from the principal, and that the alternates had not been duly accredited. The opposition maintained that every requirement had been met and that the election was perfectly legal. The point at issue is the legality of the voting of the alternates, and this is the point on which adjustment will have to be made to prevent the entry of the United States. The tangle has been referred to the supreme court of Panama for decision.

The imminence of American intervention arose from the prospect of disorder. The president ordered a number of police to preserve the authority of the government in the assembly, and at this members of the opposition ap-

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FAIRMONT TEACHERS HOLD A CONFERENCE

Professor J. A. Jackson, of This City, is One of the Principal Speakers.

pealed to Governor Goethals for intervention. The governor stated that he would not "wash any of their dirty linen," and that the interest of the United States in their affairs lay in the preservation of order and a constitutional government. He stated if the government of Panama was unable to do this he would recommend that the government of the United States intervene and take control of the situation, in accordance with the provisions of the treaty.

City is Orderly.

It is confidently expected that some solution will be arrived at which will make it unnecessary. The attainment of a modus vivendi is a matter for prolonged discussion, but in the meantime the city is orderly. A few demonstrations, pro and con the government, have been held but in the absence of violence they do not attract much attention.

The bitterness between the parties has been intensified by the prolonged efforts of the opposition to secure intervention by the United States to supervise the national and municipal elections failing in which they have made every effort to discredit the government in Panama and in the eyes of the American officials. The Japanese questions has been seized on as an issue, and the politics of the country is in a maelstrom of charge and countercharge of corruption and treachery. Into all of this, further than to protect the interests of the canal and the United States the American officials do not enter. They are desirous for the Panamanians to work out their own salvation and will not intervene unless the process takes on violent forms.

To Have Wholesale Grocery.

Application has been made to the secretary of state for a charter for the organization of a new wholesale grocery company for this city. The capital stock of the new company is \$200,000 and the incorporators are John B. Stevenson, of Huntington; and C. W. Watson, M. L. Hutchinson, H. L. Heintzelman, J. M. Jacobs, O. S. McKinney, W. J. Weigel, Z. F. Davis and C. D. Robinson, all of this city.

Many Hear Borah.

The largest crowd to assemble here for a political meeting in the present presidential campaign was that of Monday when United States Senator William E. Borah addressed a mass meeting of Republican voters in the Marion county court house. Other dignitaries present on this occasion were Judge Ira E. Robinson, of Grafton, nominee for governor; George E. Bowdoin, of Martinsburg, candidate for Congress from the Second district; Hon. Howard Sutherland, of Elkins, candidate for United States senator; Virgil L. Highland, of Clarksburg, Republican national committeeman, and T. W. Fleming, candidate for Congress from the First district. Senator Borah left here for Morgantown Monday evening where he lectured and from there went to Wheeling, where he addressed a meeting Tuesday evening.

Sunday School Convention.

The Marion county Sunday school convention will be held at Worthington Thursday, October 5, and will last throughout the entire day.

Let One Bid for Bridge.

When bids were opened for the construction of five bridges in Marion county the court let only one contract that for the building of the Paw Paw creek bridge near Gray's Flats which was let to the Meredith Construction Company for \$2,590. Other bridges on which bids were asked for were Mill Fall, Parker run, Prickett's creek and ice's run.

To Resume River Traffic.

The steamer Ruth, owned by the Ohio and Kanawha Transportation Company of Pittsburgh, is expected to arrive here in a few days and if sufficient freight patronage is received the boat will make trips to this city twice a week.

First Train Arrives.

The first train of the Western Maryland railroad pulling twenty-seven empties arrived in the city Wednesday from Connellsville and proceeded to

MR. E. CLYDE BECKETT,

Chorister of the First M. E. Church, will be in Clarksburg this winter again to teach vocal, studio 370 Mechanics street, Bell phone 1777-J.

the Helen's run development of the company where they were loaded with coal and left Thursday via Connellsville on the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio for the East. President Carl Gray accompanied the train here on its initial trip.

Society to Broaden Scope.

A meeting of the local anti-tuberculosis league of this city together with a number of prominent citizens met on Thursday evening at the Young Men's Christian Association building for the purpose of reorganization and to form plans for the broadening of the scope of the society and its affiliation with the American Red Cross organization. The name of the league was changed to the Fairmont Public Health Service to be affiliated with the American Red Cross town and country service. Mrs. C. O. Henry was made president of the organization.

Aged Woman Dies.

Mrs. Bettina Rudy, wife of John Rudy, whose death occurred suddenly at her home on Grady creek last Saturday, was buried Sunday in the cemetery near her home. Two children, Mrs. F. M. Linn and S. R. Rudy, residing at Grady creek, survive.

Benefit Ball.

The local Red Cross society gave a benefit ball at the country club Saturday night which was a highly enjoyable affair and netted quite a neat sum which the society will use in its work in this community and for the national Red Cross society. Those in charge of the ball were Mesdames Roger Kingsland, W. D. Stockley, Morgan Chambers, Arthur G. Martin and Misses Sue Watson, May Nichols, Mary Henry, Pauline Jamison, Martha Hutchinson and Ethel Heintzelman.

Big Bond Issue.

The Fairmont city council ratified at a meeting held Monday night the action taken by the board of affairs to float a \$750,000 bond issue for the building of bridges and other improvements to this city. The election will be held on December 5.

Officials Here.

Officials of the Consolidation Coal Company met Monday in the Watson building for the purpose of discussing conditions at the various mines in this section. Among the officials here were President Jere Wheelwright, of Baltimore; F. S. Landstreet, Arthur Hall and F. M. Wiltshire, of New York, and E. M. Mancourt, of Chicago.

Social and Personal.

Mrs. Frank R. Lyon entertained at auction bridge at the country club Thursday afternoon honoring her guests, Mrs. Paul Schell, of Somerset, Pa., and Mrs. L. A. Jory, of Denver, Colo. Out of town guests included Mrs. D. C. Gallier, of Charleston; Mrs. James Baker, of Worcester, Mass.; Miss Alice Wood, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Frederick Randall, of Santa Barbara, Calif.

Mrs. James O. Watson entertained at a 4 o'clock tea at Fort Hill Saturday afternoon which event was attended by a large number of guests. Mrs. Watson has as her guest Miss Alice Wood, of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. William James Wigel entertained at 4 o'clock tea Friday at the country club.

Miss Helen Quarrier Miller entertained at luncheon at the country club Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Frederick Randall and children, of Santa Barbara, Calif., who have been spending the summer in the East have returned here and are guests at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Watson.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Janet Bootman, of this city, to Mr. Ray Garver, of Jacksonville, which event will culminate in an early October wedding at the bride's home in Hancock, Md.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Smith, of Montgomery, are guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. L. N. Yoast.

Miss Evelyn Prickett has returned from Portsmouth, O., where she attended the marriage of Miss Trilixie Cleland, formerly of this city, and Mr. Charles O. Armstrong, which event was solemnized Wednesday.

Mrs. Clarence Hall entertained the Thimble Club Tuesday afternoon. The Misses Viola Wolfe and Beaso Reed have arrived here from Wheeling to resume their work in the high school faculty.

Miss Nell Peppers has returned from Parkersburg, where she spent the summer and on Monday will resume her work at the Butcher school.

Miss Kathryn Morgan left Friday for Wheelwright, Ky., where she will reside.

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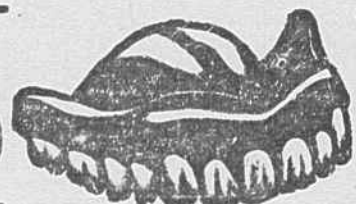
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LECTURES

Are to Be Delivered in China by a Professor from Princeton University.

TOKIO, Sept. 23.—Professor Robert McNutt McElroy, head of the department of history and politics at Princeton University, who is on his way to China as exchange professor, has been spending some time in Japan studying the educational system of the empire. He had lengthy conferences with Premier Okuma and Dr. Takata, the minister of education. At the summer center at Karuzawa he addressed a large audience on the subject, "The Historical and Political Significance of the War." Professor McElroy will spend a year lecturing throughout China, chiefly at the University of Peking.

Synthetic milk is being produced from peanuts by European chemists.

FROGS KEPT HIM AWAKE; SUES OWNER OF POND

OTTUMWA, Ill., Sept. 23.—Because bullfrogs made such noise in a pond near his home that he lost sleep during the hot weather, Charles H. Barton, retired capitalist, filed a \$2,000 damage suit against L. H. Hughes, wealthy Riverview grocer and postmaster.

GOLF BALL LANDS IN A CREEK AND KILLS CARP

BEDFORD SPRINGS, Pa., Sept. 23.—E. S. Kuhn, of the Stanton Heights Golf Club, Pittsburg, told how when he was playing the third hole, which is across a water hazard, the other day, his tee shot landed in the water and killed a four-pound German carp, which was coming up to feed. He said his caddy waded into the water and returned with the fish, which he ate for dinner.

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